NIH Fellowship Review Center for Scientific Review



Submission Date
Pre-Submission (PI)

2 Weeks

2-4 Weeks

Review (SRO)

Total Review Time: 4-4.5 months

Funding Announcement

> Prepare Application

Division of Receipt & Referral (DRR)

Study Section

Reviewer



Meeting (Score Release)



Statement

Program Discussion

Council



Decision

The fellowship should ultimately enhance an applicant's potential for, and commitment to, an independent, productive scientific research career in a health-related field.

Scored Review Criteria

- Applicant
- Sponsors and Collaborators
- Research Training Plan
- Training Potential
- Institutional Environment and Commitment

Additional Review Criteria (Impact Score)

- Human Subjects/Inclusion
- Vertebrate Animals
- Biohazards
- Resubmission
- Renewal (in rare cases)

Additional Review Considerations

- Training in the Responsible Conduct of Research
- Foreign Organizations
- Select Agents
- Resource Sharing Plans
- Budget & Period of Support

Who Do I Talk To?

Before Review:

- Administrative questions: Scientific Review Officer
- Funding/Relevance questions: Program Officer
- Institute support of fellowships: Check website / Ask PO
- · Study section assignment questions: Contact IRG Chief

After Review: Program Officer

How to Identify Study Sections

- Fellowship Study Section Descriptions
- NIH Reporter
- Use the Assignment Request Form - for both Study Section and Institute requests



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Elements of a Strong Application

Training Potential

- Tailored, relevant training plan (Sponsor)
- Proposed goals & activities supported by proposed training (Applicant)
- Clear advancement towards applicant's research independence / career progression

Training and Research Support

- Connection of research and training to career goals
- Training consistent with career stage
- Clear expansion of skill set
- Expertise available for skill development
- Appropriate engagement of sponsor / co-sponsor with clear, documented roles in training, mentoring and funding support

Documentation

Supportive, detailed

recommendation letters

· Compliant biosketches including

appropriate academic records

• Responsible Conduct of Research

Resources and access

Publications

· Clear institutional commitment

Preparation

- Clear Organization
- Adequate resolution on figures & tables
- Acceptable font and text size
- Minimize and define abbreviations/acronyms
- Complete and current references
- Proofread!

Competitive Fellowship Application

Presentation

- · Clear rationale and reasoning
- Clear presentation of what will be learned
- Focused objectives for both research and training
- Realistic aims & timelines
- Proper use of statistics
- Consideration of pitfalls & alternatives
- Sufficient detail

Critical Elements

- · Development and expansion of skill set
- Critical role of Sponsor / Co-sponsor
- Targeted, individualized training plan
- Sufficient, clear training potential

CSR Fellowship Review

Grant Types

F30 Dual-degree fellowship for Institutions with NIH Institutional Training (T32) grants

F30 Dual-degree fellowship for NIH Institutional Training grants

F31 To promote diversity - Predoctoral Fellowship (underrepresented applicants can use the award to pursue a Dual-degree)

F31 (Parent) Predoctoral Fellowship

F32 Postdoctoral Fellowship

F33 Senior Fellowship

NIH Fellowship Resources

NIH Fellowship Funding Opportunity Announcementhttps://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/fellowships

NIH Review Guidelines

https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/review templates.htm